
HOUSE BILL No. 1485

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 6-2.5.

Synopsis: Eliminate sales tax on gasoline. Eliminates the gross retail tax (sales tax) on gasoline.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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January 14, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 6-2.5-4-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 1. (a) A person is a
3 retail merchant making a retail transaction when ~~he~~ **the person** engages
4 in selling at retail.

5 (b) A person is engaged in selling at retail when, in the ordinary
6 course of ~~his~~ **the person's** regularly conducted trade or business, ~~he~~
7 **the person:**

8 (1) acquires tangible personal property for the purpose of resale;
9 and

10 (2) transfers that property to another person for consideration.

11 (c) For purposes of determining what constitutes selling at retail, it
12 does not matter whether:

13 (1) the property is transferred in the same form as when it was
14 acquired;

15 (2) the property is transferred alone or in conjunction with other
16 property or services; or

17 (3) the property is transferred conditionally or otherwise.



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(d) Notwithstanding subsection (b), a person is not selling at retail if ~~he~~ **the person** is making a wholesale sale as described in section 2 of this chapter.

(e) The gross retail income received from selling at retail is only taxable under this article to the extent that the income represents:

(1) the price of the property transferred, without the rendition of any service; and

(2) except as provided in subsection (g), any bona fide charges which are made for preparation, fabrication, alteration, modification, finishing, completion, delivery, or other service performed in respect to the property transferred before its transfer and which are separately stated on the transferor's records.

For purposes of this subsection, a transfer is considered to have occurred after delivery of the property to the purchaser.

(f) Notwithstanding subsection (e):

(1) in the case of retail sales of ~~gasoline (as defined in IC 6-6-1.1-103)~~ and special fuel (as defined in IC 6-6-2.5-22), the gross retail income received from selling at retail is the total sales price of the ~~gasoline or~~ special fuel minus the part of that price attributable to tax imposed under ~~IC 6-6-1.1~~, IC 6-6-2.5 or Section 4041(a) or Section 4081 of the Internal Revenue Code; and

(2) in the case of retail sales of cigarettes (as defined in IC 6-7-1-2), the gross retail income received from selling at retail is the total sales price of the cigarettes, including the tax imposed under IC 6-7-1.

(g) Gross retail income does not include income that represents charges for serving or delivering food and food ingredients furnished, prepared, or served for consumption at a location, or on equipment, provided by the retail merchant. However, the exclusion under this subsection only applies if the charges for the serving or delivery are stated separately from the price of the food and food ingredients when the purchaser pays the charges.

SECTION 2. IC 6-2.5-5-44 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: **Sec. 44. A retail transaction involving gasoline (as defined in IC 6-6-1.1-103) is exempt from the state gross retail tax.**

SECTION 3. IC 6-2.5-7-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2007, SECTION 52, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 1. (a) The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(b) "Kerosene" has the same meaning as the definition contained in IC 16-44-2-2.

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(c) "Gasoline" has the same meaning as the definition contained in IC 6-6-1.1-103.

(d) "Special fuel" has the same meaning as the definition contained in IC 6-6-2.5-22.

(e) "E85" has the meaning set forth in IC 6-6-1.1-103.

(f) "Unit" means the unit of measure, such as a gallon or a liter, by which ~~gasoline~~ or special fuel is sold.

(g) "Metered pump" means a stationary pump which is capable of metering the amount of ~~gasoline~~ or special fuel dispensed from it and which is capable of simultaneously calculating and displaying the price of the ~~gasoline~~ or special fuel dispensed.

~~(h)~~ "Indiana ~~gasoline~~ tax" means the tax imposed under ~~IC 6-6-1.1-~~

~~(i)~~ **(h)** "Indiana special fuel tax" means the tax imposed under IC 6-6-2.5.

~~(j)~~ **(i)** "Federal ~~gasoline~~ taxable fuels tax" means the excise tax imposed under Section 4081 of the Internal Revenue Code.

~~(k)~~ **(j)** "Federal special fuel tax" means the excise tax imposed under Section 4041 of the Internal Revenue Code.

~~(l)~~ **(k)** "Price per unit before the addition of state and federal taxes" means an amount which equals the remainder of:

(1) the total price per unit; minus

(2) the state gross retail, Indiana ~~gasoline~~ or special fuel, and federal ~~gasoline~~ taxable fuels or special fuel taxes which are part of the total price per unit.

~~(m)~~ **(l)** "Total price per unit" means the price per unit at which ~~gasoline~~ or special fuel is actually sold, including the state gross retail, Indiana ~~gasoline~~ or special fuel, and federal ~~gasoline~~ taxable fuels or special fuel taxes which are part of the sales price.

(n) "Distributor" means a person who is the first purchaser of gasoline from a refiner, a terminal operator, or supplier, regardless of the location of the purchase.

(o) "Prepayment rate" means a rate per gallon of gasoline determined by the department under section 14 of this chapter for use in calculating prepayment amounts of gross retail tax under section 9 of this chapter.

(p) "Purchase or shipment" means a sale or delivery of gasoline; but does not include:

(1) an exchange transaction between refiners; terminal operators; or a refiner and terminal operator; or

(2) a delivery by pipeline, ship, or barge to a refiner or terminal operator.

(q) "Qualified distributor" means a distributor who:

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(1) is a licensed distributor under IC 6-6-1.1; and

(2) holds an unrevoked permit issued under section 7 of this chapter.

(r) "Refiner" means a person who manufactures or produces gasoline by any process involving substantially more than the blending of gasoline.

(s) "Terminal operator" means a person that:

(1) stores gasoline in tanks and equipment used in receiving and storing gasoline from interstate or intrastate pipelines pending wholesale bulk reshipment; or

(2) stores gasoline at a boat terminal transfer that is a dock or tank; or equipment contiguous to a dock or tank; including equipment used in the unloading of gasoline from a ship or barge and used in transferring the gasoline to a tank pending wholesale bulk reshipment.

SECTION 4. IC 6-2.5-7-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 2. Except as provided in section 2.5 of this chapter, a retail merchant who uses a metered pump to dispense gasoline or special fuel shall display on the pump the total price per unit of the gasoline or special fuel. Subject to the provisions of section 2.5 of this chapter, a retail merchant may not advertise the gasoline or special fuel at a price that is different than from the price that the retail merchant is required to display on the metered pump.

SECTION 5. IC 6-2.5-7-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 314, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 3. (a) With respect to the sale of gasoline which is dispensed from a metered pump, a retail merchant shall collect, for each unit of gasoline sold, state gross retail tax in an amount equal to the product, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one cent (\$0.001); of:

(1) the price per unit before the addition of state and federal taxes; multiplied by

(2) seven percent (7%);

The retail merchant shall collect the state gross retail tax prescribed in this section even if the transaction is exempt from taxation under IC 6-2.5-5.

(b) With respect to the sale of special fuel or kerosene which is dispensed from a metered pump, unless the purchaser provides an exemption certificate in accordance with IC 6-2.5-8-8, a retail merchant shall collect, for each unit of special fuel or kerosene sold, state gross retail tax in an amount equal to the product, rounded to the nearest

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one-tenth of one cent (\$0.001), of:

(1) the price per unit before the addition of state and federal taxes;
multiplied by

(2) seven percent (7%).

Unless the exemption certificate is provided, the retail merchant shall collect the state gross retail tax prescribed in this section even if the transaction is exempt from taxation under IC 6-2.5-5.

SECTION 6. IC 6-2.5-7-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 4. (a) If a sale of ~~gasoline~~ or special fuel is exempt from the state gross retail tax, the person who pays the tax to the retail merchant may file a claim for refund with the department. The person must file the claim on the form, in the manner, and with the supporting documentation, prescribed by the department. If a person properly files a claim for refund, the department shall refund to ~~him~~ **the person** the state gross retail tax collected with respect to the exempt transaction.

(b) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, the department may prescribe simplified procedures to make adjustments for exempt transactions.

SECTION 7. IC 6-2.5-7-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 315, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 5. (a) Each retail merchant who dispenses ~~gasoline~~ or special fuel from a metered pump shall, in the manner prescribed in IC 6-2.5-6, report to the department the following information:

~~(1) The total number of gallons of gasoline sold from a metered pump during the period covered by the report:~~

~~(2) The total amount of money received from the sale of gasoline described in subdivision (1) during the period covered by the report:~~

~~(3) That portion of the amount described in subdivision (2) which represents state and federal taxes imposed under this article, IC 6-6-1.1, or Section 4081 of the Internal Revenue Code:~~

~~(4) (1) The total number of gallons of special fuel sold from a metered pump during the period covered by the report.~~

~~(5) (2) The total amount of money received from the sale of special fuel during the period covered by the report.~~

~~(6) (3) That portion of the amount described in subdivision (5) (2) that represents state and federal taxes imposed under this article, IC 6-6-2.5, or Section 4041 of the Internal Revenue Code.~~

~~(7) (4) The total number of gallons of E85 sold from a metered pump during the period covered by the report.~~

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(b) Concurrently with filing the report, the retail merchant shall remit the state gross retail tax in an amount which equals six and fifty-four hundredths percent (6.54%) of the gross receipts, including state gross retail taxes but excluding Indiana and federal ~~gasoline taxable fuels~~ and special fuel taxes, received by the retail merchant from the sale of the ~~gasoline and~~ special fuel that is covered by the report and on which the retail merchant was required to collect state gross retail tax. The retail merchant shall remit that amount regardless of the amount of state gross retail tax which the merchant has actually collected under this chapter. However, the retail merchant is entitled to deduct and retain the amounts prescribed in subsection (c), IC 6-2.5-6-10, and IC 6-2.5-6-11.

(c) **For reporting periods ending before July 1, 2020, subject to subsection (d)**, a retail merchant is entitled to deduct from the amount of state gross retail tax required to be remitted under subsection (b) ~~the~~ **an amount determined under STEP THREE of the following formula:**

~~STEP ONE: Determine:~~

(A) the sum of the prepayment amounts made during the period covered by the retail merchant's report; minus

(B) the sum of prepayment amounts collected by the retail merchant, in the merchant's capacity as a qualified distributor, during the period covered by the retail merchant's report.

~~STEP TWO: Subject to subsection (d), for reporting periods ending before July 1, 2020, determine equal to~~ the product of:

(A) ~~(1)~~ eighteen cents (\$0.18); multiplied by

(B) ~~(2)~~ the number of gallons of E85 sold at retail by the retail merchant during the period covered by the retail merchant's report.

~~STEP THREE: Add the amounts determined under STEPS ONE and TWO:~~

For purposes of this section, a prepayment of the gross retail tax is presumed to occur on the date on which it is invoiced.

(d) The total amount of deductions **for sales of E85** allowed under subsection (c) ~~STEP TWO~~ may not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for all retail merchants in all reporting periods. A retail merchant is not required to apply for an allocation of deductions **for sales of E85** under subsection (c). ~~STEP TWO:~~ If the department determines that the sum of:

(1) the deductions **for sales of E85** that would otherwise be reported under subsection (c) ~~STEP TWO~~ for a reporting period; plus

(2) the total amount of deductions **for the sales of E85** granted

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under subsection (c) ~~STEP TWO~~ in all preceding reporting periods;
will exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000), the department shall publish in the Indiana Register a notice that the deduction program **for sales of E85** under subsection (c) ~~STEP TWO~~ is terminated after the date specified in the notice and that no additional deductions will be granted for retail transactions occurring after the date specified in the notice.

SECTION 8. IC 6-2.5-7-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 6. (a) If the deduction under section 5(c) of this chapter exceeds the amount of gross retail tax required to be remitted under section 5(b) of this chapter, the retail merchant is entitled to a credit. The credit shall be used as follows:

(1) First, the credit shall be applied against gross retail and use tax liability of the retail merchant that is required to be remitted under IC 6-2.5-6.

(2) Second, any amount remaining shall be applied against the gasoline tax liability of the retail merchant, as determined under IC 6-6-1.1, excluding any liability for gasoline delivered to a taxable marine facility.

A retail merchant may file a claim for a refund instead of taking a credit or for a refund of any excess tax payment remaining after the credits allowed by this section. ~~In addition, a retail merchant may file a claim for a refund under section 12 of this chapter.~~

(b) A retail merchant that is entitled to a refund under this section must file a claim for the refund on the form approved by the department and must include any supporting documentation reasonably required by the department. If a retail merchant files a completed refund claim form that includes all supporting documentation, the excess tax payment that is not refunded within ninety (90) days accrues interest as provided in IC 6-8.1-9-2.

(c) Before the fifth day of each month, the department shall determine and notify the treasurer of state of the amount of credits applied during the preceding month against the gasoline tax under this section. The treasurer of state shall transfer from the general fund:

(1) to the highway, road, and street fund, twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount set forth in the department's notice; and

(2) to the motor fuel tax fund of the motor vehicle highway account, seventy-five percent (75%) of the amount set forth in the department's notice.

SECTION 9. IC 6-2.5-9-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 4. (a) Except as

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provided in IC 6-2.5-7, a person who:

- (1) displays an advertised price, marked price, or publicly stated price that includes the state gross retail or use taxes;
- (2) offers to assume or absorb part of a customer's state gross retail or use tax on a sale; or
- (3) offers to refund part of a customer's state gross retail or use tax as a part of a sale;

commits a Class B infraction.

(b) A retail merchant who:

- (1) uses a metered pump to dispense ~~gasoline or~~ special fuel;
- (2) is required to display on the pump the total price per unit of the ~~gasoline or~~ special fuel under IC 6-2.5-7-2; and
- (3) advertises the ~~gasoline or~~ special fuel at a price other than that required by IC 6-2.5-7-2;

commits a Class B infraction.

SECTION 10. THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: IC 6-2.5-7-7; IC 6-2.5-7-9; IC 6-2.5-7-10; IC 6-2.5-7-11; IC 6-2.5-7-12; IC 6-2.5-7-13; IC 6-2.5-7-14; IC 6-2.5-7-15.

SECTION 11. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009] (a) The definitions in IC 6-2.5-7-1 (as effective June 30, 2009) apply throughout this SECTION.

(b) The department of state revenue shall establish temporary rules in the manner provided for the adoption of emergency rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1 for:

- (1) refunds of prepayments made for a reporting period before July 1, 2009, to or by a retail merchant, distributor, refiner, or terminal operator for gasoline that is purchased or shipped for a retail sale that occurs after June 30, 2009; and
- (2) all related returns, reports, and procedures necessary to carry out this SECTION.

The rules may provide a method for collecting and refunding state gross retail tax based on an estimate determined under a formula specified by the department of state revenue.

(c) A retail merchant may not include in the price for gasoline at a metered pump any amount for state gross retail tax after June 30, 2009.

(d) A temporary rule adopted under subsection (b) expires on the earliest of the following:

- (1) The date specified by the department of state revenue in the temporary rule.
- (2) The date that another temporary or permanent rule

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- 1 amends, supersedes, or repeals the temporary rule.
- 2 (3) July 1, 2010.
- 3 (e) This SECTION expires December 31, 2010.

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